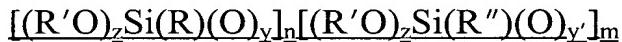


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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph of page 3, lines 10-17 as follows.

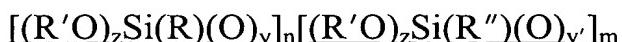
Briefly, this object and other objects of the present invention as hereinafter will become more readily apparent can be attained by a process for the continuous manufacture of a mixture of mixture of organosiloxanes of formula I:



wherein R and R'' are identical or different and are methyl, ethyl, vinyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, γ -chloropropyl, n-butyl, t-butyl, n-pentyl, i-pentyl, n-hexyl, i-hexyl, n-heptyl, i-heptyl, n-octyl, i-octyl, hexadecyl, octadecyl or alkoxy, R' represents methyl or ethyl, n and m are identical or different and each is 0 or an integer ranging from 1 to 20, on the condition that $(n+m) \geq 2$, x and x' are 0 to <3, y and y' are >0 to 1.5[,] and z and z' are 0 to <3, wherein x and x' , y and y' and z and z' are the same or different, and $(x+2y+z)=3$ and $(x'+2y'+z')=3$ $\underline{(2y+z)=3}$ and $\underline{(2y'+z')=3}$, comprising:

Please amend the paragraph bridging page 4, line 26 to page 5, line 12 as follows.

In a preferred embodiment of the continuous process a mixture of organosiloxanes of formula I:



wherein R and R'' groups are identical or different and are mean methyl, ethyl, vinyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, γ -chloropropyl, n-butyl, t-butyl, n-pentyl, i-pentyl, n-hexyl, i-hexyl, n-

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heptyl, i-heptyl, n-octyl, i-octyl, hexadecyl, octadecyl or alkoxy, that is, methoxy or ethoxy for example, R' represents methyl or ethyl group or optionally a hydrogen atom, n and m are identical or different and represent a number from 0 to 20, on the condition that $(n+m) \geq 2$, * and ~~x'~~ are 0 to <3, y and y' are >0 to 1.5, z and z' are 0 to <3, wherein ~~x~~ and ~~x'~~, y and y' and z and z' are the same or different, and $(x+2y+z)=3$ and $(x'+2y'+z')=3$ $(2y+z)=3$ and $(2y'+z')=3$, is prepared by reacting, in a first process stage, (i) an organotrichlorosilane or a mixture of organotrichlorosilanes or a mixture of at least one organotrichlorosilane and tetrachlorosilane, (ii) water and (iii) alcohol combined in a molar ratio (i):(ii):(iii) of 1 : (0.59 to 0.95) : (0.5 to 100), at a temperature of 0 to 150° C, which produces hydrogen chloride as a product which is removed from the system and the crude organoalkoxysiloxane product is transferred proportionately to the reaction distillation column of a subsequent second stage after an average dwell time of 0.5 to 180 minutes; and